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SUBJECT: FY 75 MASF PROGRAM FOR VIETNAM

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECDEF WASHDC, CJCS WASHDC INFO CINCPAC,
COMUSSAG NKP THAI FROM AMEMBASSY SAIGON JULY 12, 1974, REPEATED
FOR YOU. QUOTE:

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR THE SECRETARY AND THE CHAIRMAN, JCS

REF: A. SECDEF 021630Z JUL 74

B. SECDEF 252238Z JAN 74

C. CINCPAC 040436Z JUL 74

D. SAIGON 8684 (DTG 010850Z JUL 74)

E. SAIGON 4468 (DTG 080535Z APR 74)

F. SAIGON 9089 (DTG 100430Z JUL 74)

1. FURTHER TO REF F IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT CONGRESSIONAL INTENT
WAS CLEARLY STATED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH APPEARING IN
SECTION 701 (FUNDING AUTHORITY FOR SUPPORT OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE
MILITARY FORCES) ON PAGE 162 OF THE SASC REPORT ACCOMPANYING
THE DOD AUTHORIZATION BILL.

QTE: THE COMMITTEE WAS ADVISED BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT
OF A PROBLEM IN OBLIGATING FOR ALL OF THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR AIR
FORCE AIRCRAFT PROCUREMENT FOR FY 1974, REIMBURSING THE MAP
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ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$69.3 MILLION AND, AT THE SAME TIME,

REMAINING WITHIN THE OVERALL MASF CEILING OF \$1.126 BILLION. AS
A SOLUTION, THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED TO DEFER FULL FUNDING OF THE
71 F-5E AIRPLANES AUTHORIZED IN FY 1974 OVER TO FY 1975. THE
COMMITTEE HAS ADVISED THE SECRETARY TO FULLY FUND THE F-5E
PROGRAM IN FISCAL YEAR 1974 AND TO DEFER REIMBURSEMENT OF THE
MAP PROGRAM FOR F-5AS UNTIL THE FY 1975 MASF FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.
IF MAP REIMBURSEMENT STILL IS DESIRED. UNQTE

2. IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR FROM THE ABOVE THAT (A) THE SENATE
INTENDED FUNDING FOR THE ENTIRE VIETNAM F-5E PROGRAM INCLUDING
THE LAST 71 AIRCRAFT TO BE COMPLETED IN FY 1974 AND (B) REIM-
BURSEMENT OF THE MAP PROGRAM FOR F-5AS IN FY 1975 IS NOT RPT NOT
REQUIRED. UNQUOTE.

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